

TWO-YEAR SUSPENSION. In the Matter of Fred Barakat, No. 397, 2013. Effective Date: December 11, 2013.

By order dated December 11, 2013, the Delaware Supreme Court suspended Fred Barakat, Esquire from the practice of law in Delaware for two years for violations of the Delaware Lawyers' Rules of Professional Conduct. The Court approved the findings made by the Board on Professional Responsibility that Barakat did not maintain a *bona fide* office in Delaware for the practice of law and knowingly made false statements to the Office of Disciplinary Counsel regarding his *bona fide* office (**Rules 3.4(c), 8.1(a), 8.4(c) and 8.4(d)**), he failed to provide competent and diligent representation to a client (**Rules 1.1 and 1.3**), he failed to safeguard client funds (**Rule 1.15(a)**) and he failed to maintain his law firm's books and records in compliance with Court Rules (**Rules 1.5(f), 1.15(d) and 8.4(d)**).

The Delaware Court of Chancery has appointed, David A. White, Esquire (302) 984-6300 as Receiver of Barakat's law practice.